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Today's Air Force bomber crews can get up in the morning, jump in their aircraft, fly a mission half a world away and return home the next day. It's a familiar way of life at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, where the B-1 Lancer reigns supreme. And a job for which crews like (left to right) Lt. Col. Charlie Catoe and Capts. Marc London, Dave Marten and Mike Ray have plenty of training on the schedule. That wasn't the case 50 years ago, when bombing missions by B-26 crews were hit or miss.

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